Reviewer's report

Title: Physical and mental health issues for adolescents transitioning to university life

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Reviewer: Susan Ernst

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Major Compulsory Revisions: I do not feel confident assessing the statistical analysis using structural equation modelling to determine if the authors findings in the section on fatigue are correct. Below I have indicated that I think another reviewer expert in this area of statistical analysis be employed to review this section.

Minor Essential Revisions: None

Discretionary Revisions:

1. I cannot find the dates of your data collection in the paper. When was the survey posted and data collected? Why do you quote old data from 2008 NCHA study in the Background section when more current data is available as recent as 2012? I assume your study was done more recently than 2008.

2. Your results section on access to medical and support services is not clear. Does the university have medical services at no cost for students on campus (such as a student health service for general medical care)? If you do have a student health service on campus it would be helpful to break down the data to know why students would feel they can't access care.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.